



## Description, Responsibilities and Important Dates

### What is Resist?

Resist is a youth-led, statewide movement created to fight against the tobacco industry's influence on Kansans.

- For more information, please visit our website at [resisttobacco.org](http://resisttobacco.org)

### Resist Youth Council

Applicants must be in grades 7-11 in the fall of 2017.

The Resist Youth Council is the guiding body for the Resist movement. Council members will plan, implement and participate in statewide events, activities, and marketing strategies for Resist. They will play an important role in their community and at the state level. They will engage in local activism, serve as youth leaders, educate their peers on tobacco issues and empower others to start taking action! The Council's mission is to inspire, lead and unite communities across Kansas to fight against Big Tobacco.

### What to Expect

Youth Council members will get to meet new friends, travel, build their resume and attain leadership skills. Council members will receive opportunities to engage in statewide and national initiatives, hold fun events, fight Big Tobacco and have a blast while doing it. Members will serve from December 2017-December 2018.

Some responsibilities include:

- 75% Participation in conference calls on the third Sunday of every month
- 100% Attendance at quarterly board meetings (January in-person, March, June in-person, September)
- Assistance in planning and leading activism events (Kick Butts Day, World No Tobacco Day, etc.)
- Hold your own advocacy activity at your school
- Observance of the Youth Council Code of Conduct ([available on website](#))
- Fulfillment of Youth Council expectations (*as agreed upon at the January meeting*)

### Council Meetings

Attendance at Council meetings and participation in conference calls is essential to your role on the Council. These meetings need to be a priority in the Council member's schedules. Attendance at the following dates and 75% of the conference calls is mandatory for each Council member. Failure to meet these requirements may result in dismissal from the Council. Transportation, lodging and meals will be provided when necessary.



## Dates to Know

- **December 6th 2017: COUNCIL APPLICATION DEADLINE**
- **December 11<sup>th</sup>** : 2018 Council Member Announcements will be made
- **Every 3rd Sunday of each Month:** Council Conference Calls
- **January 20th 2018:** First In-Person Council Meeting
- **Evening of January 31<sup>st</sup> 2018:** Community Health Promotion Summit
- **February 6<sup>th</sup> 2018:** American Cancer Society Advocacy Day
- **June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2018:** June In-Person Council meeting

## Application Deadline: Wednesday, December 6th 2017

All applications must be received by this date to be considered. Announcements will be made Monday, December 11th.

## Application Checklist

1. Applicant Information
2. Responses to Questions
3. One letter of recommendation or a creative project
4. Signatures

**Application Instructions:** Applicants can apply alone OR with a friend! Please send all things in the checklist together. You can do so via e-mail or by mail. Send to either address:

- [Jordan.roberts@ks.gov](mailto:Jordan.roberts@ks.gov)
- ATTN: Jordan Roberts  
1000 SW Jackson Street  
Suite 230  
Topeka KS, 66612

## Questions? Contact Resist Coordinator, Jordan Roberts:

- [jordan.roberts@ks.gov](mailto:jordan.roberts@ks.gov)
- (785) 291-3418

## 1) Applicant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Resist Youth Council? \_\_\_\_\_



## 2) Question/Answer

Please answer the questions below thoroughly and honestly, on a separate piece of paper. This will help us to get to know you better. Have fun with it!

- 1) Why are you interested in serving on the Resist Youth Council?
- 2) What are the talents, skills and/or experience that you can bring to the Council?
- 3) Use three words to best describe you.
- 4) Name one personal strength that you can bring to the Council and one skill that you hope to develop while serving on the Council.
- 5) What makes you unique?
- 6) What extracurricular activities are you involved in at school? What activities are you involved in outside of school (work, church, etc.)?
- 7) What are qualities that make up a good leader versus qualities that make up a bad leader?
- 8) Share with us an experience that you had when you were a leader in a group setting: at school, at work, sports, clubs, etc. What challenges did you face and how did you overcome them?
- 9) Are you passionate about tobacco prevention? If so, explain why.
- 10) What is your view of the tobacco industry?
- 11) As a Council member, what would you like to achieve at either the local or the state level that will contribute to the fight against big tobacco?

## 3) Letter of Recommendation OR Creative Project

Please provide one letter of recommendation OR submit a creative project about tobacco.

What is a Letter of Recommendation? – This letter should come from a community, school, or organization leader who knows you well and can describe what qualities you have that make you a leader. An e-mail may be sent directly from the source or a letter can be sent in the mail. The letter must be sealed and signed in an envelope.

What kind of creative project? – Whatever your heart desires! A poem, video, sketch, collage, etc. This is all about creative expression over a tobacco topic. **\*\*You can submit a creative project with a friend! Just make sure you both complete sections 1, 2 and 4 separately.\*\*\***





#### 4) Signatures

As an applicant of the Resist Youth Council, I \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the following:

- I will be a devoted, active member of the Resist Youth Council and will help my fellow Council Members in activism activities, event planning and Council decision making by communicating with everyone in a timely manner, sharing resources and providing advice and suggestions when appointed.
- I will represent Resist in the media, at my school and at public events.
- I will assist with Resist trainings, conference calls, presentations and initiatives within my community and state.
- I will be a leader in tobacco control in my own community, as well as encourage other youth to participate in Resist initiatives and events.
- I will be respectful to others, especially my fellow Council members.
- I understand that serving on the Resist Youth Council requires a significant time commitment and I will make it a priority on my schedule.
- I understand that the Youth Council plays an extremely important role in the Resist movement, and as a Council member, attendance and participation in Resist activities is a priority for me.

I have read the Resist Council responsibilities and requirements thoroughly and am willing to fulfill them to the best of my abilities. I will join the Resist movement with intentions to fight against the big tobacco influence in both my community and my state. I will empower youth across Kansas to take a stand and spread Resist’s message through advocacy and activism. I am willing to be a leader, an advocate, and a team player while serving on the Resist Youth Council.

I agree willingly to all of the statements listed above **if** I am chosen to serve on the Resist Youth Council for the 2017-2018 year.

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Applicant Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Applicant Name (Printed)

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Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

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